

did this to Protect Officer Krupa and me from future retaliation because this was a Joey Naples' stronghold.

25. I took Internal Revenue Agent Don Harris with me to the Diamond Tavern along with approximately 15 officers from Youngstown Police Department's SIU and Mahoning County Sheriff's Department, Lowendowsky who used a camera to film the serving of the search warrant and any arrests. FBI SA Robert Kroner later told me that the only reason I "hit" the place was to increase my monthly "package." Robert Kroner should have known better than to make an allegation like that because if I was going to put pressure on a place like the Diamond Tavern why would I bring an IRS agent with me? How could I possibly fix something where the IRS was included? Indirectly, I found that FBI SA Robert Kroner knew this was a Joey Naples operation and was upset with me for raiding the Diamond Tavern.

26. Youngstown Police Department Officer Joe Krupa, a member of the SIU informed me that SIU was working with FBI SA Robert Kroner and FBI SA Larry Lynch. SIU officer gave me the illegal gambling targets to raid. It was quite apparent that the targets I was given by SIU to raid where limited to people and establishments involved in illegal numbers gaming and small football pools. The SIU did not raid illegal sport betting operations nor did they ask for my assistance in raiding large illegal sport betting operations. The main target of the Youngstown Police Department SIU and FBI was the illegal numbers operation of Michael "Syra" Serrecchio, a one time Joey Naples rival. I continued to arrest people for sports betting. What appeared strange was the Youngstown Police Department's SIU would be involved in every raid except the raids conducted in their own city. FBI SA Robert Kroner controlled and suppressed information, manipulated both the SIU and me to conduct only certain gambling arrest raids, none of which were directed at Joey Naples' illegal gambling enterprise. At the time it was common knowledge that Lenny Strollo and Joey Naples were growing apart because Lenny Strollo was against narcotics while Joey Naples was involved in narcotics. It should also be noted that at this time Randall Wellington was also chief of police of Youngtown, Ohio, and a personal friend of FBI SA Robert Kroner.

INDICTED & CONVICTED

27. I was indicted and convicted for taking a bribe from Lenny Strollo. I never took a bribe from Lenny Strollo or anyone else. This fact was revealed during a subsequent and related plea bargain hearing in which Lenny Strollo under oath testified that he never paid me a bribe. I also learned after my conviction that my attorney Stewart Mandel was associated with Lenny Strollo. My attorney, Stewart Mandel, might have acted for the benefit of others to help them so that I could not timely reveal the hereinabove written, the truth. Stewart Mandel was later indicted and convicted of income tax violations in connection with Lenny Strollo. I still believe Stewart Mandel is a good attorney who I consider a friend.

28. James A. Traficant, Jr., and I were never political allies. However, I have always respected him, therefore, I give my permission to him to use this affidavit in any way that he deems appropriate.

SPINDLETOP OIL FIELD AND LUCAS GUSHER

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Texas State Spindletop 2001 Commission's celebration of the Centennial of the discovery of the Spindletop Oil Field and the Lucas Gusher. On January 10, 2001, at 10:32 am, a permanent reproduction of the Lucas Gusher will blow, and the excitement of that moment will be reenacted.

The Lucas Gusher, located just south of Beaumont, Texas, marked the beginning of the Petroleum Age. On January 10, 1901, a team of investors and drillers led by Captain Anthony F. Lucas discovered the greatest oil well ever seen. The area upon which the gusher was discovered, Spindletop Hill, was to produce more oil per day than the annual production of oil in the entire United States.

The discovery of oil at Spindletop drastically changed the country's economy. Within days thousands of speculators, sightseers and fortune seekers swarmed into the small town as news of the discovery spread. By 1902, hundreds of active wells were operating. The vast quantities of oil found at Spindletop first made possible the use of oil as an inexpensive, lightweight and efficient fuel to propel the world into the twentieth century.

On January 10, 2001, I will be present at the Spindletop celebration, and be presenting a copy of this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD statement. Celebrating and honoring the beginning of a new age for the world is altogether fitting and appropriate and deserves the House of Representative's recognition.

COMMENDING THE AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the American Trucking Associations for demonstrating that "someone cares" about the Children of San Diego, California.

The American Trucking Associations urged all individuals who recently attended their Management Conference and Exhibition in San Diego, California to bring a toy. At the end of the conference, 700 toys were collected and donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation. Encouraged by their initial success, the American Trucking Associations have extended the toy drive via their website. In fact, donors can now contribute to a toy on-line.

The toys will be distributed to needy children in the San Diego area through the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation. Since 1947, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves have ensured a gift under the Christmas tree of children who might otherwise experience the holiday without receiving any toys. Over the past 53 years, the Foundation

has grown and is now active in all 50 states. Last year alone, they collected and distributed 13,700,000 toys.

America's truckers will most likely deliver the vast majority of Christmas toys to stores around the country. However, this delivery is truly special, as it demonstrates the positive synergy that is achieved when private industry partners with charitable organizations to improve the community.

Mr. Speaker, the American Trucking Associations asked their members to "send a loving message that someone cares" to the children of the conference host city. Their members responded overwhelmingly, thus deserving the praise and accolades of this 106th Congress for their decision to leave the children of San Diego with a special memory.

IN HONOR OF FRED HASSAN, RECIPIENT OF THE 2000 GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fred Hassan, the recipient of the 2000 Global Citizen Award from the School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University.

Fred Hassan is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Pharmacia Corporation, a pharmaceutical company created by the merger of Pharmacia & Upjohn and the Monsanto Company.

Mr. Hassan, a native of Pakistan, received his Bachelor's Degree in chemical Engineering from the Imperial College of Science and Technology at the University of London in 1967 and his Master's of Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1972.

At Pharmacia, Mr. Hassan and his management team have established a global organization dedicated to improving health and wellness around the world. Under Mr. Hassan's leadership, Pharmacia collaborates with government, academia, and the private sector to address global challenges in the fields of health care, science, and nutrition. To meet these challenges, Pharmacia, the United Nations Population Fund, and The World Bank created the "Save the Mother's Fund", a program that works to improve obstetric care in order to reduce maternal mortality rates in childbirth. In addition, Pharmacia has partnered with the World Health Organization's European Project on Tobacco Dependence to reduce tobacco-related death and disease among cigarette smokers in Europe.

Mr. Hassan has set an excellent example for other business leaders around the world; to be successful in the business world, while also helping to improve the lives of our fellow global citizens.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fred Hassan and Pharmacia for their outstanding commitment and contributions to global health and development.